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IT IS MEXICO'S OPPORTUNITY

Anahuac's Great and Good Friend, Wilson, Offers Her a Chance to Get Off Easy

(Associated Press)

Mexico City, Aug. 17.—President Wilson is ready to recognize the Mexican government if the latter agrees to the terms of the proposals from Secretary Colby, according to a message sent President de la Huerta by Fernando Calderon, Mexican high commissioner to the United States, the Excelsior says. The newspaper says that Secretary Colby's proposals desire that North American lives and property be respected, that indemnity be paid foreigners suffering during revolution and that the Carranza confiscatory decrees be derogated.

STRING TIED TO IT

Washington, Aug. 17.—A state department official said the three proposals given in the Mexico City dispatch was precedent to a recognition of the Mexican government. Only a few conditions were announced by the United States. Performance instead of mere promises was put above all conditions, he said, adding that recognition was not promised under any conditions.

FARM LOANS HALTED—WHY?

The following from James B. Morman, assistant secretary of the Federal farm loan board, in the "Farm & Fireside," will be of much interest to a large majority of the Star's readers, whether farmers or not:

What will the farmers do for cheap loans in the future? For the last three years the Federal Farm Loan System has enabled farmers to borrow money at 5, 5½, and 6 per cent interest and to repay their loans a little each year over a 34 or 35-year period.

During three years the twelve federal land banks have loaned \$340,616,041 to 325,003 farmers, and 28 joint stock land banks have loaned \$79,111,432 to 8315 farmers. Thus 133,318 farmers have reaped the benefits of cheap credit from March 27, 1917, when the first loan was made under this system, up to April 30, 1920, the date of the above statistics.

Still thousands of farmers wanted to borrow money under these conditions. The federal land banks have approved loans on hand for \$41,966,961 to 16,390 farmers. Evidently the farmers throughout the country not only want money to carry on their farms, but they also want it badly.

But this plan of making mortgage loans to farmers has been halted—temporarily it is to be hoped. An enemy hath done this. For more than six months the Federal Farm Loan System has been marking time, so to speak, because the dealers who had been buying and selling farm mortgages, and getting a good commission out of this business, were instrumental in having a suit brought to test the constitutionality of the tax-exempt feature of farm loan bonds. The case was argued in Kansas City, Mo., last fall, and the United States district judge dismissed the case.

But the enemies of the system wanted to paralyze its good work, so they appealed to the supreme court of the United States. It was argued there on January 8, 1920, but on April 26th the court handed down an order to have the case reargued. Since this cannot take place until next fall, there is little likelihood that this case will be decided until some time next winter.

Now thousands of farmers are wondering and asking why the land banks have to stop making loans because of this suit. That question is easily answered:

While this is known as the federal system, it is not government money which is loaned to farmers. The original capital of the twelve federal land banks amounted to \$9,000,000. Of this sum the government, in order to start the system going, subscribed \$8,891,270, the balance being subscribed by private individuals. Thus the only aid advanced by the government in establishing this system consisted in supplying a large part of the capital without interest. But this capital is to be repaid, and part of it has already been paid back to the federal land banks.

The money which farmers borrow comes from the sale of bonds. The mortgages taken by the banks as a result of loaning their original capital were pledged as security for the issue of bonds. The farm loan act declared that these bonds should be exempt from taxation. The bonds are sold to whomsoever will buy them. The money received from their sale is loaned to farmers, and this is the source of the more than four hundred million dollars which have been loaned in the past three years.

But the enemies of low-interest rates on long-time farm mortgage loans said unto themselves: "See how this system is undermining our business! We can no longer make loans

SCRAP OF SUFFS AND ANTI-SUFFS

Tennessee or North Carolina May End the Long Drawn Out Struggle Today

(Associated Press)

Nashville, Aug. 17.—The Tennessee house met today prepared for an extended debate on suffrage, which leaders thought might delay final action until late in the afternoon. Both sides went into the fight claiming victory.

FAVORABLE REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE

A motion that the house concur in a favorable report of the committee on constitutional conventions. Chairman Riddick of the constitutional conventions committee, opened for the suffragists.

AN ECONOMICAL PRISONER

(Associated Press)

Cork, Aug. 17.—Terence McSweeney, lord mayor of Cork, deported to England after conviction of sedition by courtmartial, refuses to eat.

PLANNING HARDING'S PROGRAM

Marion, O., Aug. 17.—Republican leaders conferred here today on a speaking schedule for Harding for the next six weeks.

at a high rate of interest in competition with these low-interest, long-time federal loans. We cannot make a good commission in buying and selling farm mortgages. We have to stop this federal system or it will put us out of business. The vulnerable point is their bonds. Why should they be tax-exempt?

"It is true that the act," says they shall be called "instrumentalities of the government," but that does not make them so. Come, now, as an association, let us have a suit brought to test whether or not their bonds should be exempt from taxation, and while the suit is pending they will be unable to make loans. Nobody will buy farm loan bonds when in doubt as to whether they have to pay back taxes on them."

And this is just what they did. The suit was brought in the name of Chas. E. Smith vs. Kansas City Title and Trust Company et al. But no one could from the title of this case that it had anything whatever to do with the Federal Farm Loan System. However, it does and that most seriously so far as the farmers throughout the country are concerned, as well as the general public, who will also be affected by the high cost of farm products if farmers are handicapped for the lack of capital or the high cost of capital used in their production. To show how this case rings in the ears of the farmers and the Federal Farm Loan System, let me quote the following paragraph from the statement of the case in the brief of one attorney for Mr. Smith:

"The Kansas Title and Trust Company was about to invest a large amount of its corporate and fiduciary funds in the purchase of farm loan bonds issued respectively by joint stock land banks and by federal land banks, because the company believed the bonds to be tax-exempt."

"Charles E. Smith, a director and large stockholder in the company, objected to the proposed investment upon the ground that the tax exemption was void and that the bonds were taxable; he voted against the resolution of purchase, and then filed this suit in the district court to enjoin the company from purchasing the bonds."

A federal land bank and a joint-stock land bank intervened, and were made parties defendant; the attorney general of the United States appeared as amicus curiae; a motion was made to dismiss for want of equity; the motion was sustained; the plaintiff declined to plead further; the bill was dismissed; the appeal taken."

Now, in all probability, Mr. Charles E. Smith did not care a straw whether or not it was constitutional to exempt farm loan bonds from taxation. He was not the moving spirit in bringing the action. The Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association of America was the great enemy lying under cover. When the mischief had been done, and the Federal Farm Loan System had been halted in its work of bringing credit and financial relief to hundreds of thousands of farmers, the association came out in the open and showed its hand. This is made plain by the fact that, in a letter dated May 12, 1920, which accompanied bulletin No. 66, the chairman of the membership committee said that the Farm Mortgage Bankers' Association "is directly responsible for the federal land bank and the joint-stock land bank not being in operation today and not being able to operate until some time next year."

Here, then, are the main facts how

RAISING THE ROOF IN RALEIGH

Session Opened with More Excitement than on Any Day Since Secession

(Associated Press)

Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Amid scenes the state house has never witnessed since the days of the civil war, the North Carolina legislature began consideration today of ratification of the woman suffrage amendment. The galleries were flag-pole-decked and filled with suffragists who broke into cheering as Senator Carr opened the debate in favor of the amendment.

MAYS THREW WITH TOO MUCH MIGHT

Raymond Chapman, Cleveland Shortstop, Dead with Fractured Skull

(Associated Press)

New York, Aug. 17.—Raymond Chapman, shortstop, with the Cleveland American League club, died today from a fractured skull sustained when he was hit by a ball thrown by Pitcher Carl Mays in yesterday's game with New York. An operation was performed on Chapman in an effort to save his life.

OHIO DEMOCRATS IN SESSION AT COLUMBUS

(Associated Press)

Columbus, Aug. 17.—The Ohio democratic convention met here today with an address by Gov. Cox as the main feature. The candidate is expected to set the battle gauge for his opponent in a battle for their home state.

The Federal Farm Loan System came to be halted. For the past three years interest rates of farm mortgages were more nearly uniform at 5½ and 6 per cent than they have ever been before in the history of our country. But already, since this suit was brought, interest rates have been raised by private money lenders and bankers from one to four per cent on loans to farmers. It is becoming increasingly harder for farmers to provide themselves with capital in order to raise food and other raw materials for our people. Many of them are begging Congress and the farm loan board to relieve the situation. Here is part of a typical letter written by a farmer in Oregon under date of May 19, 1920:

"I understand there is a sort of uneasy feeling about the doings in court about trying to discontinue the loaning to farmers that need the assistance of a loan such as the Federal Farm Loan System. I would like to get a loan on my farm to pay off the mortgage that is on it now, and there are several of my neighbors that also would like to get a loan. It will be a real hardship on the already overburdened farmer if Congress should discontinue the farm loan system."

But Congress is far from that attitude of mind. Recognizing the appeal of the farmers and the pressing need of our country for agricultural products, Congress has just passed a joint resolution, and the president signed it on May 26th, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to buy federal farm loan bonds to provide the funds for making loans approved by the banks up to March 1, 1920. This act will probably provide between thirty and forty million dollars. After that sum has been expended by the banks in meeting their own debt obligations and making loans to the farmers whose needs are most urgent, the system will simply have to halt again until the decision of the supreme court, unless some other means of raising funds for lending to the farmers shall be provided.

The ultimate effect of this lawsuit, then, cannot now be estimated. If the Federal Farm Loan System should be permanently halted, the credit conditions of farmers will be what they were before Congress passed the farm loan act. With farmers having to pay higher interest rates, the cost of raising farm products will be greater.

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JAPANESE TROOPS MAY WITHDRAW

American Protest and Heavy Expense Too Much for Occupation of Saghalien

(Associated Press)

Honolulu, Aug. 17.—Japan is considering the withdrawal of troops from Saghalien island because of the American protest and the heavy financial burden, according to a Tokio cable to the Japanese newspaper here.

ELECTION IN MISSISSIPPI

(Associated Press)

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 17.—Mississippi democrats voted for five candidates for Congress in the primary today with the administration record the chief issue.

MODERN WOODMEN PICNIC

At Cooter Pond, Near Morriston, Friday, September 10th

Editor Star: Please permit me to announce in your paper that Morriston camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will hold their annual picnic at Cooter Pond, near Morriston, on Friday, Sept. 10th next, this date having been substituted for July 4th last, which came on Sunday.

We expect to have a large crowd and a big day and take this method of extending an invitation to the public to participate in the pleasures of the day.

We have secured Mrs. Manly's band of your city to furnish music and those who have heard them play know what a treat is in store for the people.

We have invited some of the best speakers in the state to address the people on important subjects. Have also secured the promise of a good ball game between Williston and Dunne. Have the promise of this game from managers of both these teams.

Will have plenty of refreshments, and a big dinner. Hope also to have a "flying machine," but am not certain of this attraction.

Will have several side amusements and on the whole will try to make the day both pleasant and profitable to all who come. As before, we stand with "open arms" and a "glad hand" to welcome the public to this picnic, and invite them to bring nice baskets—a few sandwiches, deviled eggs, a bottle of pickles, and if they can't do this, why just come anyway, with big appetites, their best looks and sweetest smiles, for you know that sometimes a sad sweet smile to a longing heart is worth all the dinners in the world. Ours is to be a day of recreation and happiness. We hope that not even an unkind thought will find its way into the hearts of those present, much less a harsh word and look.

Please come yourself and bring everybody you can, both from town and country. We are all one on this day. Program will appear later. Sincerely yours, W. O. Brewer, Consul Morriston Camp.

STAG DINNER PARTY

Charming in all its appointments was the delightful stag dinner given last evening by Mrs. L. H. Pillans honoring the birthday anniversary of her husband. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Pillans, who had departed earlier in the day on a fishing expedition and on his return in the evening was greeted at his home by a merry group of friends awaiting to offer congratulations and good wishes.

Led by the hostess, who was aided by Mrs. Harry Walters, the guests and honoree were shown into the dining room where a four course dinner was enjoyed. Exquisite pink roses were used on the table, which was centered with a large birthday cake and lighted by the soft glow of candles.

A number of useful gifts were given Mr. Pillans as mementos of the day, among the most highly prized of which was a fountain pen bearing his initials and the date, given by his employees, Messrs. A. V. Sewell, L. F. Teuton, C. G. Miller, L. Hill and Lewis Smith, who with Dr. Harry Walters and Mr. Howard Clark, were present at the happy affair.

Advertise in the Star.

DISTRIBUTE STACKS OF DOLLARS

Colossal Sums of Money Asked from the Interstate Railway Commission

(Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 17.—The distribution to the railroads of nearly two hundred millions of dollars was recommended to the Interstate Commerce Commission today in the final report of railway executives on applications of the various carriers for loans.

MANY COINS MINTED AT PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—The Philadelphia mint turned out 501,000,000 coins in the last fiscal year.

Raymond T. Baker, director of the United States mint, gave out the figures after inspecting the institution. New die-cutting machines, electric furnaces and carrying devices have been installed within the last year and efficiency methods have been adopted which greatly increase the output of the mint.

The increase last year was about 25 per cent over 1919. In 1916 a little over a million coins were produced.

Mr. Baker recently returned from the San Francisco mint where he is preparing to install improved machinery similar to that in the Philadelphia mint.

"With the recent additions," said Mr. Baker, "the Philadelphia mint is now not only the largest mint in this country but manufactures a larger number of coins than any other mint in the world."

CARS NECESSARY ON VACATIONS

That automobile owners have been using their cars to a greater extent than ever before on vacations this summer, is the observation of Philip G. Murphy, local distributor for the Studebaker.

"The old idea of leaving the car at home when going on vacations and depending upon railroads is passing out," says Mr. Murphy.

"The change in attitude among automobile owners is due to the fact that they have a much larger appreciation of the convenience and reliability of their cars, as well as the greater number of uses to which they can be devoted."

"Today, instead of hopping on a railroad train, traveling to a summer resort and lying around for the period of a vacation, the motor car owner uses his car every day while on his vacation, making side trips of many miles out of the place where he is spending his vacation days."

"During the summer, in this day and age, the automobile is used by families to an unprecedented extent for week-end jaunts out into the country, trips to the golf clubs and on fishing and hunting expeditions."

WHAT CHAMP CLARK SAYS OF WASHINGTON

In a Washington, D. C., church on Washington's birthday, Champ Clark told the congregation that "so momentous was the influence of the life of Washington on the welfare and development of his country that his name shall never be forgotten."

"In my opinion," Mr. Clark continued, "he was the greatest mortal that ever lived. The habits which united to mould his character well deserved analysis and emulation. Frugality and thrift were his watchwords."

"After all, Washington was only a human being. He was known to dance the Virginia reel, took an occasional mint julep, bet on a horse race, and when he ordered his general to charge and he retreated he swore at him. Yet, I am glad to live after Washington."

The Star's "Page of Presidents" will prove interesting. Be sure to read these notices too as you will see the announcement of what day the page will appear. Don't forget the Star will give away a \$15 cash prize.

666 has proven it will cure malaria, chills and fever, bilious fever, colds and lagrippe. It kills the germs that cause the fever. Fine tonic.

FRENCHMAN GUIDES THE FIGHTING

Weygand's Skillful Tactics Give the Poles Hope of Saving Warsaw

(Associated Press)

Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Signs at the front Sunday indicated that the French are taking a more prominent part in guidance of the Polish army. General Weygand is said to be responsible for the new tactics employed to repel the invaders.

POLES SAY IT IS PILSUDSKI

Warsaw, Aug. 17.—The Russian soviet hold on the gates of Warsaw has been broken, according to allied officers here. A Polish counter offensive is in full sway at various points and the Russians are falling back in confusion. The Polish communists says that pressure on Warsaw has been relieved and that General Pilsudski directed the counter stroke.

RUSSIANS NEARING DANZIG

London, Aug. 16.—Warsaw is still held by the Poles, so far as dispatches here disclose. The latest Russian communiqué does not claim the city has been captured, while Monday's Polish official statement represented the defenders making successful resistance. Meanwhile the Russians are rapidly progressing through the Polish corridor and are reported within fifty miles of Danzig.

DEMORALIZED RATHER THAN DISORGANIZED

(Associated Press)

Washington, Aug. 17.—Reorganization of the bureau of immigration was ordered today by Assistant Secretary Post. Department officials said conditions indicated disorganization of the bureau.

AMERICANS BETTER FENCERS THAN ENGLISH

(Associated Press)

Antwerp, Aug. 17.—America defeated England fencing with foils in the Olympic games today, giving the United States third place.

ASKS BRITAIN TO BE MORE EXPLICIT

(Associated Press)

London, Aug. 17.—Soviet Russia has asked the British premier for a definite statement of Great Britain's attitude toward General Wrangel, the anti-bolshevik commander.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO A GOOD MAN

Ocala, Fla., Aug. 15th.

Whereas, God has taken from us our beloved friend and brother, Robt. L. Bridges, he is all his relation of life was true and tried and who so gladly and faithfully performed the service which was required of him by his Master; and

Whereas, We recognize this as an irreparable loss to our church and state when such faithful servants are greatly needed; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express to his faithful widow our deepest sympathy. W. M. Richardson, D. W. Tompkins, C. C. Bryant, Resolution Committee of the Business Men's Bible Class.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS IN OCALA

Seaboard Air Line

Arrive from Jacksonville	2:09 a.m.
Leave for Tampa	2:10 a.m.
Arrive from Jacksonville	1:30 p.m.
Leave for Tampa	1:50 p.m.
Arrive from Jacksonville	4:24 p.m.
Leave for Tampa	4:25 p.m.
Arrive from Tampa	2:14 a.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	2:15 a.m.
Arrive from Tampa	1:35 p.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	1:35 p.m.
Arrive from Tampa	4:04 p.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	4:05 p.m.

Atlantic Coast Line

Arrive from Jacksonville	2:45 a.m.
Leave for St. Petersburg	2:49 a.m.
Arrive from Jacksonville	3:34 p.m.
Leave for St. Petersburg	3:35 p.m.
Arrive from Jacksonville	10:12 p.m.
Leave for Leesburg	10:13 p.m.
Arrive from St. Petersburg	2:11 a.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	2:12 a.m.
Arrive from St. Petersburg	1:25 p.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	1:45 p.m.
Arrive from Leesburg	6:41 a.m.
Leave for Jacksonville	6:42 a.m.
Arrive from Homosassa	1:25 p.m.
Leave for Homosassa	8:25 p.m.

Arrive from Gainesville	11:50 a.m.
Leave for Gainesville	11:50 a.m.
Arrive from Jacksonville	4:45 p.m.
Leave for Lakeland	7:25 a.m.
Arrive from Lakeland	7:25 a.m.
Leave for Lakeland	11:03 p.m.
Arrive from Wilcox	1:10 a.m.
Leave for Wilcox	6:45 p.m.

What have you to sell or trade?

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